

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

The following listing of claims lists all of the pending claims, and supersedes all prior listings, and versions, of claims in this application.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1 - 27. (Cancelled)

28. (Currently amended) An elevator comprising:

a plurality of vertical carriers arranged about a car, each carrier including--:--

first and second opposing recesses;

a guide rail having a plurality of vertical surfaces disposed within the first ~~recesses~~
recess;

a truck attached to the car having a plurality of rollers surrounding the plurality of vertical surfaces of the guide rail;

a counterweight disposed within the second ~~recesses~~ recess; and

at least one cable connecting the truck and the counterweight, wherein the cables of the plurality of vertical carriers are acted upon by a common driving wheel.

29. (Previously cancelled)

30. (Previously cancelled)

31. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 28, wherein each vertical carrier is arranged within a respective housing and is formed as a double-T carrier.

32. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 28, further comprising a girder provided on the upper ends of the vertical carriers for supporting the driving wheel, and a plurality of deflection rollers for the cables, wherein the girder extends between at least two vertical carriers.

33. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 32, further comprising a motor capable of driving the driving wheel under an intermediate connection of a driving gear for the driving wheel, wherein the motor is mounted on the girder.

34. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 32, further comprising control electronics included on the girder.

35. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 32, wherein the vertical carriers each have an end opposite the girder fixed in a shaft pit.

36. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 32, wherein the vertical carriers are connected to each other by a plurality crossbars spaced from each other.

37. (Currently amended) The elevator according to Claim 28, further comprising a connecting piece for each vertical carrier interconnecting the first ~~recesses~~ recess of the vertical ~~carriers~~ carrier to the guide ~~rails~~ rail.

38. (Currently amended) The elevator according to Claim 28, further comprising a plurality of vertically extending guide surfaces fixed within the second ~~recesses~~ recess configured to support the ~~counterweights~~ counterweight.

39. (Currently amended) The elevator according to Claim 38, wherein the vertically extending guide surfaces are formed as angular profiles that are fixed to at least two opposing sides of the second ~~recesses~~ recess and on which guide rollers fixed to the ~~counterweights~~ counterweight are supported.

40. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 37, wherein each guide rail has a generally T-shaped cross section including a cross member fixed to the connection piece by a

plurality of tension brackets and a roller support member connected to the cross member providing the plurality of vertical surfaces of the guide rail.

41. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 28, wherein the truck includes a U-profile that is connected via an angular profile to a frame of the car.

42. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 41, wherein the frame is assembled from frame profiles having generally U-shaped cross sections-having legs pointing toward an associated vertical carrier and with one leg of the profile being connected to a first leg of the angular profile, and wherein at least a subset of the frame profiles extending over the car.

43. (Currently amended) The elevator according to Claim 42, further comprising a protective housing enclosing the frame profiles, a passage through the protective housing for the first leg ~~leg~~ of the angular profile, and a slot provided on the housing of at least a subset of the vertical carriers for the leg of the angular profile.

44. (Previously cancelled)

45. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 43, further comprising at least two sealing lips included with the slot, wherein the sealing lips are aligned in a V-shape relative to each other and which contact opposing sides of the first leg of the angular profile.

46. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 43, further comprising electric cables within the housing of at least one vertical carrier and a trigger device for a safety catch within the housing of at least one vertical carrier.

47. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 46, wherein the electric cables project through the slot and the passage into the interior of the car.

48. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 32, further comprising a hood that covers the driving wheel and the deflection rollers.

49. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 28, further comprising a wire cable that is fixed at a first end to the corresponding counterweight and at a second end to the car on each of the two sides of the car, the wire cable running underneath one of the vertical carriers and holding a deflection roller and a tension weight.

50. (Previously cancelled)

51. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 28, further comprising a balcony that is disposed between an outside door of the elevator and a building, the balcony being disposed in proximity to a floor of a story of the building.

52. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 51, further comprising a plurality of balconies that are connected to one another by a skeleton.

53. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 52, wherein the skeleton is free-standing or is fastened to at least one of the building and the vertical carriers.

54. (Previously presented) The elevator according to Claim 51, wherein the balconies are disposed on the vertical carriers.